



04/02/01

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)jc971 U.S. PTO  
09/822198  
04/02/01HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF  
PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington D.C. 20231Case Docket No. 120162.201

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR(s): Dr. George R. Bailey

FOR: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GRADUAL APPLICATION OF A HITLESS  
MONITORING ACCESS TO A COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT EMPLOYING A  
GUIDED TRANSMISSION MEDIA**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 29 Pages of specification, claims, abstract  
☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☒ Priority Claimed from US Provisional Application Nos. 60/193,359, and 60/200,390, filed 3/31/00 and 4/28/00, respectively.  
☐ Certified copy of \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ 8 sheets of drawings  
☒ An assignment of the invention ✓  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard  
☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449  
☒ Copies of IDS Citations  
☐ Other: The undersigned hereby declares that this applications meets the qualifications for **Small Entity Status** under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) - Small Business Concerns - Independent Inventor.  
☐ Other:

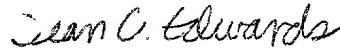
The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

(1) FOR	(2) NO. FILED	(3) NO. EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) AMOUNT	
TOTAL CLAIMS	25	-20	5	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 90.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	-3	3	x \$ 80.00 =	\$240.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (If applicable)			+ \$270.00 =		\$270.00
<b>BASIC FEE</b>					\$710.00
Total of above calculations					= \$1310.00
[ ] Assignment & Recording Fee					+ \$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>					\$1350.00

- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0436 in the amount of \$1350.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

PEPPER, HAMILTON LLP



Jean C. Edwards  
Registration No. 41,728

Date: April 2, 2001  
600 Fourteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-2004  
(202) 220-1200  
(202) 220-1665 JCE:akc  
DC: #180290 v1 (3V4201' DOC)